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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Application Number	09/358,103
Filing Date	July 21, 1999
First Named Inventor	Alberto I. Roca
Art Unit	1652
Examiner Name	Christian L. Fronda
Attorney Docket Number	ROCA-01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:
Alberto I. Roca

Serial No.: 09/358,103

Filed: July 21, 1999

For: Mutants of MAW Motifs of RecA
Protein Homologs, Methods of
Making Them, and Their Uses

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RESPONSE TO FIFTH OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond to Office Action

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to February 28, 2002 to respond to the Fifth Office Action, and encloses the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17.

Request for Continued Examination

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant requests continued examination of this Application and encloses the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114 and 1.17.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner insert new claims 28 - 54, as follows:

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- 1 28. *A mutant*
[An *E. coli*] RecA protein having enhanced DNA binding activity compared to said protein's
E' 2 wildtype, wherein a naturally occurring amino acid residue located within said protein's